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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A9a
ATTENTION :
SUBJECT : Alma-Ata
REFERENCE : Memorandum #3161-L-2477

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1. We very much appreciate [redacted] comments as well as those submitted by you. I'm sure I'll not be able to give you a completely satisfactory answer to each comment but will attempt to reflect the general reaction here in D/OC and D/CG.

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2. [redacted]

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a. Although we realize the classification reduces the usefulness of the base, it is a problem we must live with if we are to produce bases of this type at this time. We feel confident that most intelligence uses can be met even though classified. On this restrictive note we can not reduce the classification on the central part of the city as shown specifically on this plan. Of course, as used in the [redacted], the classified version is entirely useful and we hope will be a help to you. A pocket version (unclassified) is not currently permissive.

b. The blank area to the east is 1) actually blank and 2) includes the airport. This being the pilot study we were trying several guide lines. Actually on the rest of the cities we will correct this fault even at the expense of an airport facility.

c. We appreciate the suggestions regarding substantive data on the regions, streets, and street names. These will be evaluated at the time of potential revision. We shall not attempt to comment on each suggestion. Our hope is that as each plan is sent to you a similar review will be made.

3. Your comments

a. The colors chosen and plate separation plan reflects our best judgment as to:

- 1) Most fool-proof over a long period of time.
- 2) Most effective from which to produce a variety of "new" maps.
- 3) Most efficient use of man-hours which are so dear.

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Actually you will note that we have overcome certain weaknesses in the next series. The type size has been increased, the grid is in proper emphasis and the gray street plate more effective. These plans are intended to be somewhat definitive, as far as they go, and don't lend themselves too well to the more simplified treatment desired in a "travel-type" plan. (Wider streets, larger names, etc.)

b. In like manner certain street and hydrographic details have been eliminated from others in the series.

c. The brown tone that you feel has a slight aroma has been lightened in tone on subsequent plans and is more effective. It was darker on Alma-Ata as we tried a lighter tone outside the built-up area (or hadn't you noticed?) We now leave that area white. As to concept, the toned area is "built-up" and "man-activity" but not specifically described. Soviet cities (at least in this area) are somewhat different than "western" and feature some agriculture within the "city" and also grouped living quarters on the edge of the city which, although "built-up", do not necessarily have a street pattern. Thus the "toned" area is somewhat subjective but we believe generally meaningful to the average user.

d. The bled edges are good design and save man-hours, olde Boy! (Also our initial requester is better served.)

e. I will withhold comment regarding the showing of "sources". It is an important problem and is still receiving further thought at this end of the line.

f. The "North" problem goofed on Alma-Ata. We are going to be realistic but not silly.

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4. I am having D/GL send an additional 15 copies of Alma-Ata [REDACTED] Do I assume this is their standard order for the other cities? Meantime I will have 15 copies sent of each of the other cities currently available. In the event [REDACTED] requires additional copies for the "new look" we will be happy to supply.

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5. My comments regarding the city plans Carl brought with him and your memo 3184-L-2496 will be forthcoming in the near future. Again our Thanks to you and your colleagues for your prompt evaluation and response on Alma-Ata.

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